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- I. The Cuban government has re-established at least temporary control over the tense political situation.
 - A. The opposition's plans to force President Batista's resignation through concerted revolutionary activity were thwarted by quick, decisive action by the government.
 - B. Lack of organization and inability to command support in Havana were key factors in the opposition's failure.
 - C. Increasingly repressive counter measures by the government can be expected to weaken opposition potential.
- II. Aggressive conspiratorial and revolutionary activities plus increasing dissatisfaction with the government, however, will continue to threaten political stability.
 - A. The opposition is gaining adherents from all sectors and is, for the first time, striving for unity of action.
 1. Rebel, political opposition, and dissident military groups were reported in agreement with the unsuccessful antigovernment attempt this week.
 2. Many respected business and civic leaders are supporting or are in sympathy with the opposition.
 - B. Dissatisfaction within the armed forces is growing, and there are numerous reports of active conspiracy among officers and enlisted men.
 - C. Popular resentment over extreme repressive measures and suspension of constitutional guarantees is increasing and is open to exploitation by the opposition.
- III. At present, the constant threat of assassination is the greatest danger to Batista.